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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Victor Bota

Application No.: 10/659,445

Group No.: 3722

Filed: 09/10/2003

Examiner: Gates, Eric A.

For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR AUTOMATED PRODUCTION OF ADJUSTABLE DUCT MEMBER

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1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is a small entity. A statement was already filed.

EXTENSION OF TERM

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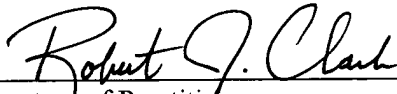
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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office action dated January 12, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.